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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 126 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; RICHARD W. SANDERS, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; DUANE E. WIRTH, Boone County Sheriff; CHET EPPERSON, Rockford Police Chief; JAN W. NOBLE, Belvidere Police Chief; and WILLIAM FEITHEN, DeKalb Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced **NICHOLAS V. CURTIS**, 22 (DOB: 3/5/1984), formerly of 303 Webster, Apt. 2, Rockford, Illinois, to 126 months in prison, without parole, for distributing “crack” cocaine.

Curtis pleaded guilty to the charge on June 9, 2006. In pleading guilty, Curtis admitted that he sold 63.1 grams of crack cocaine on February 22, 2005 and 62.3 grams of crack cocaine on March 16, 2005. Curtis further admitted that both of the transactions occurred in Rockford.

In addition to 126 months in prison, the court ordered Curtis to serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison. Lewis was also ordered to pay a \$150 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Rockford DEA Task Force consisting of law enforcement agents and officers from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department, the Rockford Police Department, the Boone County Sheriff’s Department, the Belvidere Police Department, and the DeKalb Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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